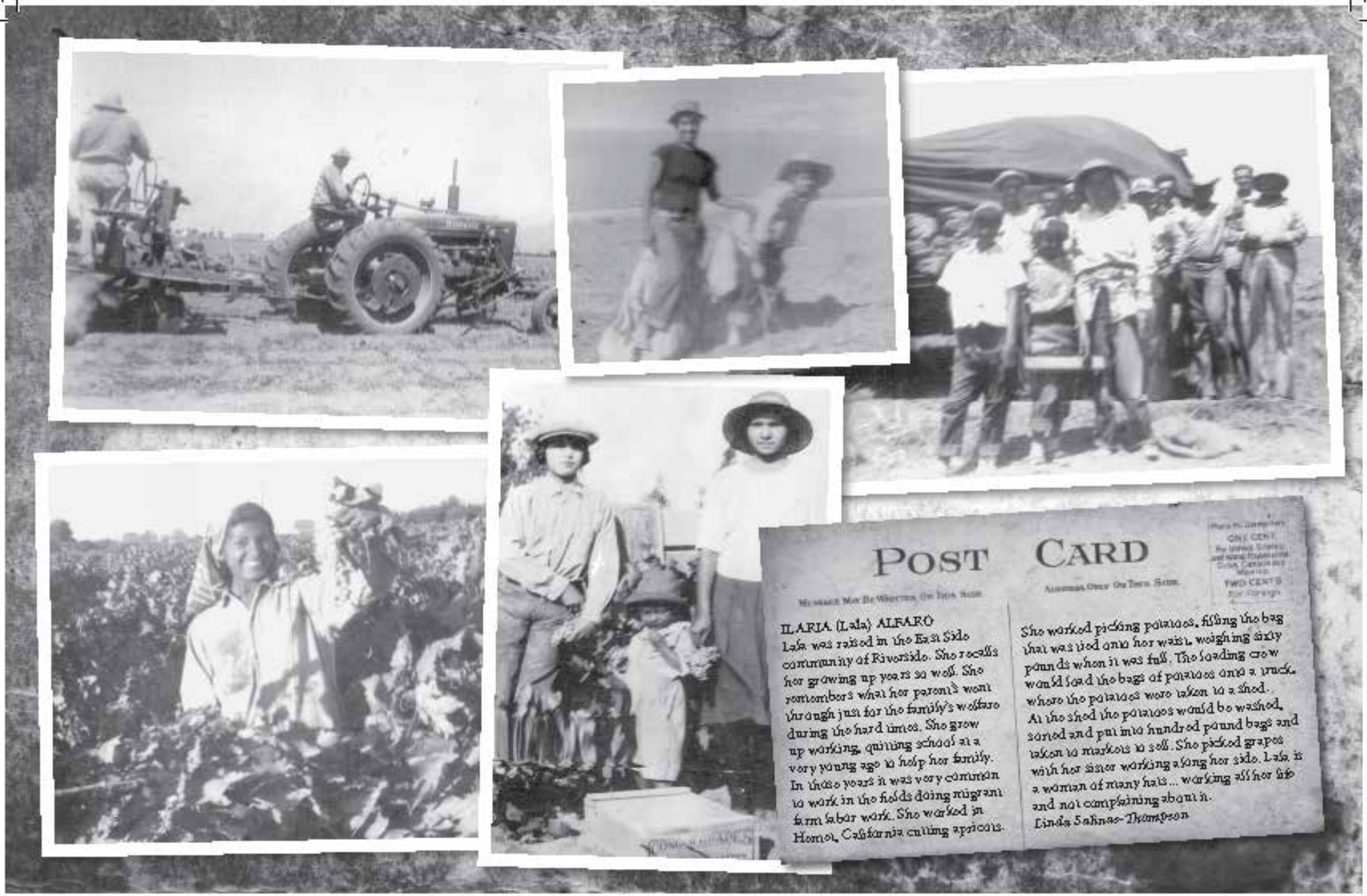
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ILARIA (Lala) ALFARO
Lala was raised in the East Side community of Riverside. She recalls her growing up years so well. She remembers what her parents went through just for the family's welfare during the hard times. She grew up working, quitting school at a very young age to help her family. In those years it was very common to work in the fields doing migrant farm labor work. She worked in Homer, California cutting apricots.
She worked picking potatoes, filling the bag that was tied onto her waist, weighing sixty pounds when it was full. The loading crew would load the bags of potatoes onto a truck where the potatoes were taken to a shed. At the shed the potatoes would be washed, sorted and put into hundred pound bags and taken to markets to sell. She picked grapes with her sister working along her side. Lala is a woman of many hats... working all her life and not complaining about it.
Linda Salinas-Thompson

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